



Senate

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File No. 281

Senate Bill No. 321

Senate, April 2, 2014

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to identify best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings.

3 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

4 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
5 one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Hospital
6 Association and one of whom shall be a physician who treats Medicaid
7 patients;

8 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
9 of whom shall be a representative of the for-profit nursing home
10 industry and one of whom shall be a representative of the not-for-
11 profit nursing home industry;

12 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of

13 Representatives who shall be a representative of the home health care
14 industry;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
16 a Medicaid recipient;

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

20 (7) The Commissioner of Social Services or the commissioner's
21 designee;

22 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor; and

23 (9) The chairpersons and ranking members from the joint standing
24 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
25 relating to human services.

26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (5) or
27 (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General
28 Assembly.

29 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
30 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
31 filled by the appointing authority.

32 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
33 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
34 from among the members of the task force. At least one chairperson
35 shall be a member of the joint standing committee of the General
36 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services.
37 Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force,
38 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
39 this section.

40 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human

42 services shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

43 (g) The task force may seek any funding or support available
44 pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-
45 148, as amended from time to time, and may contract with a health
46 care consultant to provide a comprehensive review of successful
47 efforts nationwide to achieve savings in Medicaid programs.

48 (h) Not later than January 1, 2015, the task force shall submit a
49 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
50 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
51 relating to human services and appropriations and the budget of state
52 agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
53 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
54 submits such report or January 1, 2015, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

HS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	None

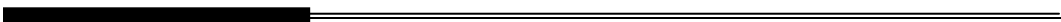
Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 15 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as the task force terminates in FY 15.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

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